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Some of the Branches of the Clark Family.

The first ancestor of the Clark family that came to this country from England, was WILLIAM CLARK He sailed from Plymouth, England, in the ship *Mary and John* on the 30th of March, 1630, and arrived the 30th of May, following, and was among the first settlers in Dorchester, near Boston. Richard Mather was the first settled minister at Dorchester. In 1659 Eleazer Mather, son of Richard, was preaching at Northampton and the town voted to give a quantity of land to such men as Mr. Mather should invite to come and settle there. William Clark was one of that number and came to Northampton with his family. His wife rode on horseback with two baskets called panniers, slung across the horse, carrying one boy in each basket, and one in her lap, her husband on foot; thus they moved to Northampton, and land was set off to them in 1659. In 1660 was chosen selectman. In 1661, with others, formed the first church in Northampton, and was chosen lieutenant of the train-band, a very important office at that time.

He held other important offices, and died July 19th, 1690, aged eighty-one. He had four sons, William, John, Samuel and Nathaniel. His son John, our ancestor, married his second wife Mary Strong, March 16th, 1679, by whom he had eleven children, six sons and five daughters. The six sons: —

John, born December 28th, 1679.
Nathaniel, born May 13th, 1681.
Ebenezer, born October 18th, 1682.
Increase, born April 8th, 1684.
Noah, born March, 28th, 1694.
Josiah, born June 11th, 1697.

The above six brothers all lived near each other in Northampton, had large families, lived with their wives more than fifty years, and survived them, and all of them were living when the youngest was seventy years old, and all of them lived over eighty years each, one ninety-nine and three of them over ninety years. When the youngest, Josiah, died in 1789 aged ninety-two years, he was the last of the six sons and the five daughters, and at the time of his death there was known to have been descendants of the six brothers only, to the

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number of 1158 children, grand-children and great-grand-children of whom more than 925 were living.

INCREASE, the fourth son of John, above-mentioned, and one of the six brothers, died August 27th, 1775, the father of eight children, the fifth, SIMEON, my grand-father was born October 20th, 1720, married to Rebecca Strong, November 2d, 1749, by Rev. Jonathan Edwards and moved to Amherst, where his twelve children were born, viz: —

Eunice, born August 11th, 1750, and died May 6th, 1776.
Simeon, born June 25th, 1752, and died May 3d, 1831.
Levi, born August 27th, 1753, and died September 1st, 1835.
Judah, born April 18th, 1756, and died September 9th, 1757.
Lois, born March 9th, 1758, and died June 20th, 1759.
Judah, 2d, born August 18th, 1759, and died July 18th, 1842.
Asahel, born February 6th, 1762, and died March 7th, 1800.
Lois, 2d, born January 3d, 1764, and died December 4th, 1803.
Justus, born November 24, 1765, and died December 25, 1847.
Mary, born December 13th, 1767, and died June 30th, 1855.
Jerusha, born May 31st, 1770, and died January 19th, 1771.
Jerusha, 2d, born May 12th, 1772, and died March 25th, 1815.

Simeon Clark, father of the above twelve children died October 28th, 1801, aged eighty-one years, and Rebecca, his wife, died January 13th, 1811, aged eighty-seven years.

EUNICE, daughter of Simeon Clark and Rebecca Strong, married Timothy Green of Amherst, and at her death left three children, Zerah, Timothy and Clark.

LOIS, 2D, married Oliver Cowles of Amherst, died leaving one daughter (Thankful), who married Capt. Enos Dickinson.

JERUSHA, 2D, married Dea. John Stebbins of Granby, died leaving five children, Josepheus, Philena, Francis, Lucius and Simeon. After the death of Jerusha, Dea. Stebbins married MARY, her sister, who survived him many years.

LEVI, second son, settled in Lanesborough, County of Berkshire, was the father of nine children, viz: Levi, Eunice, Moses, Dexter, Salome, Linus, Mary L., Rhoda H. and Zenas S.

ASAHEL killed in the grist-mill in this town in March, 1800, was the father of several children, only two of whom lived to adult age, viz: Silas, who lived in Springfield and died in July 1873, aged eighty two years, and Irene, who married James P. Dexter, and died May 3d, 1880, aged eighty years.

JUDAH died July 18th, 1842, left a widow but no posterity.

JUSTUS, youngest son, died on the old homestead of his father, Dec. 25th, 1847, leaving two children, viz: Achsah, who married Simeon Smith, and Mary who died November 23d, 1883.

SIMEON, the eldest son of Simeon the son of Increase, was born June 25th, 1752. LUCY HUBBARD, first wife of Simeon Clark, was

born September 16th, 1758, they were married October 4th, 1781, their children were :—

Elijah, born May 20th, 1783, died October 13th, 1833.

Eunice, born March 26th, 1785, died August 8th, 1873.

Philomela, born September 12th, 1787, died October 26th, 1837.

Lucy Hubbard, wife of Simeon Clark, died March 19th, 1793, and Simeon Clark married Irene Lewis his second wife (born April 18th, 1763), April 23d, 1795, their children were :—

Lucy, born March 11th, 1796, died May 12th, 1798.

Lucy, born June 16th, 1798, died December 22d, 1819.

Asahel, born February 23d, 1801, died July 27th 1803.

Simeon, born October 15th, 1807, died July 31st, 1883.

Elijah, son of Simeon, born May 20th, 1783, married Sibel Green May 8th, 1805, was the father of nine children, viz :—

Lucretia, born June 13th, 1807, died September 28th, 1809.

Asahel, born June 8th, 1809.

Rufus, born June 17th, 1811.

Lucius, born June 10th, 1813, died November 5th, 1878.

Chester, born April 12th, 1815, died November 26th, 1882.

Elijah, born February 10th, 1817.

Dexter, born February 11th, 1819, died October 5th 1861.

Joseph Barnard, born September 11th, 1821, died May 20th, 1842.

Mary Ann, born May 26th, 1824.

Elijah Clark, father of the above nine children, died October 13th, 1833, and Sibel, the mother, died in Beloit, Wis., October 6th, 1867.

Eunice, daughter of Simeon, born March 26th, 1785, married Thomas Hastings November 1st, 1803, and was the mother of thirteen children, viz : —

Sophia, born February 1st, 1805, died July 13th, 1852.

Mary, born September 28th, 1807, died October 8th, 1808.

Mary, born February 17th, 1809, died February 16th, 1811.

Lucy, born March 31, 1811, died June 15th, 1812.

Thomas, born October 12th, 1812, died September 10th, 1837.

James, born October 16th, 1813.

Henry, born November 11th, 1814, died September 28th, 1815.

Harriet, born May 15th, 1816.

Henry, born May 1st, 1818.

William, born April 18th, 1820.

Edmund, born March 4th, 1822.

Lucy, born November 27th, 1823, died May 20th, 1847.

Philomela, born January 10th, 1828.

Thomas Hastings father of the above thirteen children, died October 11th, 1858. Eunice Hastings, the mother, died August 11, 1873.

Philomela, daughter of Simeon Clark, born September 12th, 1787, married Joel Green November 30th, 1809, and was the mother of nine children, viz : —

Horace, born November 24th, 1810, died August 2d, 1849.
Lucy H., born April 15, 1812, died September 15th, 1854.
Sibil H., born January 11th, 1814.
Timothy E., born May 26th, 1815.
Simeon C., born November 20th, 1816 died March 27th, 1842.
Frederick G., born July 18th, 1818.
Irene L., born May 16th, 1820, died May 5th, 1825.
Joel, born March 6th, 1823.
Irene L. 2d, born February 4th, 1826, died October 18th, 1857.

Philomela Green, mother of the above nine children, died at Sylvania, Ohio, October 26th, 1837. Joel Green, the father, died at Toledo, Ohio, February 27th, 1873.

Lucy, daughter of Simeon and Irene Lewis Clark, was born June 16th, 1798, married Frederick A. Palmer, December 3d, 1817. Was the mother of one child, Albert R., born March 14th, 1819.

Lucy Clark Palmer died December 22d, 1819, at West Springfield, while on a visit at her husband's father.

Albert Ripley Palmer graduated at Amherst College August 1839, studied law and settled in Racine, Wis., where he died September 12th, 1846.

Frederick A. Palmer, born November 20, 1793, died July 11, 1874.

Simeon Clark, father of the above-named children, died May 3d, 1831, aged seventy-nine. Irene Lewis, his second wife, died May 11th, 1855, aged ninety-two.

Simeon Clark, son of Simeon and Irene Lewis Clark, was born October 15th, 1807, married May 21st, 1829, by Rev. John Woodbridge, to Myra Cowles, daughter of Silas Cowles, of Hadley, who was born October 31st, 1806. Their nine children are :—

Juliette, born July 30th, 1830.
Asahel Lewis, born July 25th, 1832.
Royal Washburn, born April 28 1834, died March 28th, 1879.
Zilpha Gilbert, born January 21st. 1836, died December 15th, 1880.
Edwin Warren, born September 21st, 1837, died May 5th, 1838.
Emily Maria, born May 28th, 1839, died September 15th, 1839.
Emily Adelia, born June 28th, 1840.
Edwin Warren, born December 2d, 1842.
Albert Simeon, born May 14th, 1848, died September 19th, 1848.

Myra C. Clark, mother of the above nine children, died June 8th, 1871. Simeon Clark, father of the above nine children, died July 31st, 1883.

Juliette, daughter of Simeon and Myra Clark, was born July 30th, 1830, and married November 26th, 1856, George H. Estabrook, of Worcester. Their four children are :—

Maria Louisa, born April 22d, 1858. died December, 30th, 1860.
Myra Clark, born May 14th, 1860, died August 17th, 1860.
Milly, born December, 28th, 1861, died January 12th, 1862.

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George Arthur, born December 22d, 1868, died March 25th, 1870.

Asahel Lewis Clark, son of Simeon and Myra Clark, was born July 25th, 1832, and married Phebe P. Gooch, September 19th, 1860. Their children are:—

Sarah Pierce, born December 21st 1863.

William Gooch, born January 14th, 1866, died February 28, 1866.

Robert, born April 15th, 1869.

Helen May, born May 28th, 1875.

Zilpha Gilbert Clark, daughter of Simeon and Myra Clark, was born January 21st, 1836, and married Theodore J. Briggs, of Orange, November 24th, 1859. Their children are:—

Theo McLane, born February 21st, 1869.

Eudo Clark, born December 8th, 1870.

Mabel Etta, born March 26th 1874.

Emma, born November 27th, 1875, died January 27th, 1876.

Zilpha G. Briggs, mother of the above children, died December 15th, 1880, in San Antonio, Texas.

Emily Adelia Clark, daughter of Simeon and Myra Clark, was born June 28th, 1840, and married Rev. Francis H. Boynton, May 24th, 1866, and their children are:—

Myra Louisa, born July 9th, 1870

Louis Francis, born January 5th, 1874, and died July 1st, 1878.

Carrie Adelia, born February 16th, 1877.

Roland Andrews, born June 30th, 1879.

Edwin Warren Clark, son of Simeon and Myra Clark, was born December 2d, 1842, and married Louisa M. Kellogg, December 8th, 1868. She died July 18th, 1869. He married Lizzie L. Henry February 28th, 1872. Their children are:—

Walter Edwin, born April 13th, 1874, died July 18th, 1875.

Howard Estabrook, born November 17th, 1876.

Fanny Louise, born July 29th, 1881, died January 8th, 1883.

The following obituary notices of Dea. Clark at the time of his death, are copied from The Amherst Record and The Congregationalist.

Deacon Simeon Clark, died in Amherst, Mass., July 31, 1883, aged seventy-six years.

Much that could be said of a truly good man could be said of Deacon Clark. His piety was of a cheerful, steady, faithful character. He always lived up to and adorned his profession. He was constant in his place as a member and officer in the First Church and Sabbath school. A member of that church for over fifty years, and a scholar, teacher or superintendent in the Sabbath school for over sixty-five years. He loved to sing the songs of Zion, and for many years

was a leader of the choir and of the singing in the prayer meetings. He always sought and worked for the peace and prosperity of the church and society. Prompt, decided and of excellent judgment, his counsels in the church and town were wise and reliable, and often sought for many a good work. He was so just, true and faithful, that he was honored with many important trusts in the community; settling many estates and befriending the widow and orphan. He was a man of prayer, as his faithful family altar testified, and his voice so often heard in the prayer-meeting.

His faith in God's covenant was strong and steadfast, and his part in keeping it was not lacking. Blessings which he sought through it, descended upon his household, where his influence and example were always judicious and happy. He was a warm friend of missions, and a faithful contributor, remembering the foreign and home mission boards in a legacy. He had a long and painful sickness, which he patiently endured, and passed quietly to his rest and reward, from the house in which he was born and always lived to His house not made with hands eternal in the heavens, where, "far removed from pain and anguish, he is chanting hymns above."

Capt. Simeon Clark died at his residence about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, July 31. He obtained the title of Captain by being chosen a commander of a militia company at the early age of twenty and was a good officer and an uncommonly energetic promising young man. He held the office of captaincy five or six years or until the Amherst militia company was discharged. He has held many important public offices, elected by the town and has been a wise and judicious administrator of many estates. But his efficient services were doubtless not less valuable in the church, in the Congregational society and in the Sunday school, where he was a most useful member for over half a century, and where he led the service of song for over a quarter of a century. He became connected with the church in 1831, and his life and example have exerted an influence for good in this community, such as but very few citizens enjoy. He was born Oct. 15, 1807. May 21, 1828 he married Myra, daughter of Silas Cowles. Four of their nine children are living,—Mrs. Estabrook, wife of Geo. H. Estabrook of Worcester; Rev. A. L. Clark, a Presbyterian pastor in Orange County, New York; Emily A., wife of Rev. F. H. Boynton, pastor of the Congregational church at Rye, N. H.; and Edwin W. Clark who has lived with his father and carried on his farm. His wife died June 8, 1871. Mr. Clark received his education at the old Amherst Academy. His father built the house at Mill Valley in 1780 and it is a fact of more than ordinary occurrence that Capt. Clark was born in this house, lived in it his whole life and within its walls passed to his heavenly reward. His occupation has been principally farming, though he studied field-surveying, and followed it, more or less for forty years. He has been justice of the peace thirty years,

selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor for many years. He was deacon of the First church sixteen years. In politics he has been identified with the Whig and republican parties. A resident of Amherst for a period beyond the allotted time of man, always taking a lively interest in the growth and upbuilding of her institutions, he has lived to see the church of which his grandfather was one of the founders become a rich and prosperous society and a powerful factor in shaping the religious sentiment of the community, and the college, for the first building of which he helped to draw the bricks and sand, grown to rank among the foremost institutions of the land

At the reception of the First church, tendered to Capt. Clark and Mr. S. C. Carter, on the 9th of last March, several letters were read written by former pastors and former members of the church and old citizens of the town, among which was a letter from Rev. A. M. Colton of Easthampton, from which we quote as follows:

"He was of a hopeful and cheerful make. He lived in 'Sunny Side.' I never saw him gloomy and sullen. I never saw a bitter scowl on his face. I never heard a harsh word from his lips. He was gentle unto all. * * * There was no cross-grained timber in his make: nor was there in his house and home. And his home and family were of the happiest and best. * * * And then in the Sabbath school, as teacher or superintendent, in those days and since. * * * And he was so *good* a man, so judicious, blameless, harmless, consistent, everywhere and always. This "everywhere" should certainly include—should include, perhaps, by eminence Dea. Clark's long and faithful service in the Sabbath school, as also in the office of Deacon, to which with great unanimity, the church called him, in company with Luke Sweetser of blessed memory. In what I have now said I have not been at all anxious to single out for special mention any *one* particular form of christian work or services done by Dea. Clark— he was so good altogether, and all around.

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